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PART TWO

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the **AMAZING SPIDER-MAN®**



WHEN PETER PARKER WAS BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER, HE GAINED THE PROPORTIONAL SPEED, STRENGTH AND AGILITY OF A SPIDER; ADHESIVE FINGERTIPS AND TOES; AND THE UNIQUE PRECOGNITIVE AWARENESS OF DANGER CALLED "SPIDER-SENSE"! AFTER LEARNING THAT WITH GREAT POWER THERE MUST ALSO COME GREAT RESPONSIBILITY, HE BECAME THE CRIME-FIGHTING SUPER HERO CALLED...

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

NORMAN OSBORN, A.K.A. the GREEN GOBLIN, is back! Peter thought he was safe from his greatest enemy when he cured Osborn of the Goblin formula. But while searching for a way to get his power back, Norman found the CARNAGE SYMBIOTE. Not only did it remove Peter's cure, but it combined with the Goblin formula giving Osborn more power than he's ever had. He then used that power to KIDNAP J. JONAH JAMESON, former Spider-Enemy turned Spider-Ally, who accidentally gave up Spider-Man's secret identity!

Meanwhile, Peter's old buddy FLASH THOMPSON has become the new ANTI-VENOM! He's tracking down PHIL URICH, A.K.A. the GOBLIN KING, who stole a highly explosive chunk of tritium. Little does Flash know that Norman Osborn just killed the Goblin King to ensure there was only one Goblin on the scene.



GO DOWN SWINGING PART 2 THE ROPE-A-DOPE

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THIS IS PERFECT.

IT'S EVERYTHING THE WAY IT SHOULD BE.

SO WALK ME THROUGH THIS, PARKER...



...EXACTLY HOW DOES THIS WORK?

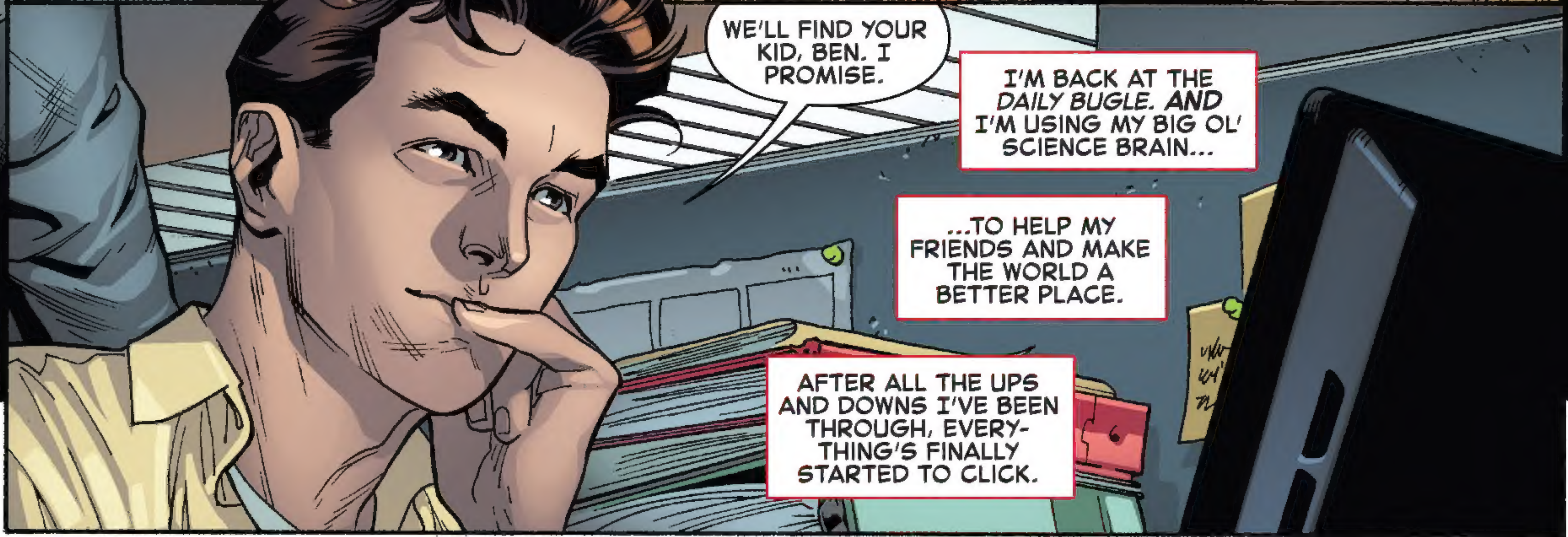
WELL, THE HIGHLY EXPLOSIVE METAL THAT YOUR NEPHEW PHIL STOLE...

...IT LEAVES ALL KINDS OF TRACES. IT EVEN AFFECTS BAROMETRIC PRESSURE.

SO MY SKILLED TEAM OF SCIENCE SECTION NERDS HAVE RECONFIGURED THE BUGLE'S DOPPLER RADAR SYSTEM...

THAT WE USE FOR THE WEATHER REPORT?

THAT'S THE ONE. WE'RE SEEING IF WE CAN USE IT TO PINPOINT THAT HUNK OF TRITIUM TO WHEREVER PHIL'S TAKEN IT.



WE'LL FIND YOUR KID, BEN. I PROMISE.

I'M BACK AT THE DAILY BUGLE. AND I'M USING MY BIG OL' SCIENCE BRAIN...

...TO HELP MY FRIENDS AND MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE.

AFTER ALL THE UPS AND DOWNS I'VE BEEN THROUGH, EVERYTHING'S FINALLY STARTED TO CLICK.



RUBYLYN, YOU SEEING THIS? CAN YOU DOUBLE-CHECK MY CALCULATIONS?

YEAH. I'M GETTING IT TOO, COLIN.

PETE...

ZEEP ZEEP



...LOOK AT THIS. THE READING WAS FAINT AT FIRST, BUT...

...IT'S NOT JUST GETTING STRONGER--

IT'S HEADING THIS WAY.

ZEEP ZEEP

THE GREEN
GOBLIN?!
HERE? BUT
HOW?!

EVERYBODY
STAY CALM.

LET'S
JUST FIND
OUT WHAT
HE WANTS
FIRST.

C'MON,
JOE. WHAT
DO I ALWAYS
WANT?

SPIDER-
MAN!

THAT'S NORMAN
OSBORN! I'D
KNOW HIS VOICE
ANYWHERE!

BUT I FIXED IT SO HE
COULDN'T CHANGE BACK
INTO THE GOBLIN! HOW IS
THIS EVEN POSSIBLE?!

YOUR YOUNG
MR. PARKER, HE'S
FRIENDS WITH
THE BUG.

AREN'T
YOU,
PETEY?

BE A
GOOD BOY AND
BRING THE BUG
HERE. LICKETY-
SPLIT. OR
EVERYONE
DIES.

I--I
THINK YOU
SHOULD DO WHAT
HE SAYS,
PETER.

BUT
ROBBIE,
I--

WHAT? WHAT
ELSE CAN I DO?

JUMP INTO THIS
NOW? BLOW MY
SECRET IDENTITY?

I'M
ON IT!

TICK TOCK,
PARKER.

THE GOBLIN'S LAIR. ACROSS TOWN.

OSBORN'S GOING TO KILL THEM. ALL OF THEM.

HE'LL KILL EVERY SINGLE PERSON PARKER CARES ABOUT.

AND IT'S MY FAULT.

ALL BECAUSE I COULDN'T KEEP MY DAMN FOOL MOUTH SHUT.

HAVE TO FIX THIS!
HAVE TO--

GNNNH!

I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE. TO LOSE EVERYONE.

DAD. MARLA. MATTIE.

I--I CAN'T PUT PETER THROUGH THAT. CAN'T HAVE THAT BLOOD ON MY HANDS.

PLEASE. FOR *ONCE*, LET ME BE STRONG ENOUGH.

GYAHHH!

"OKAY. THIS IS TAKING FOREVER..."



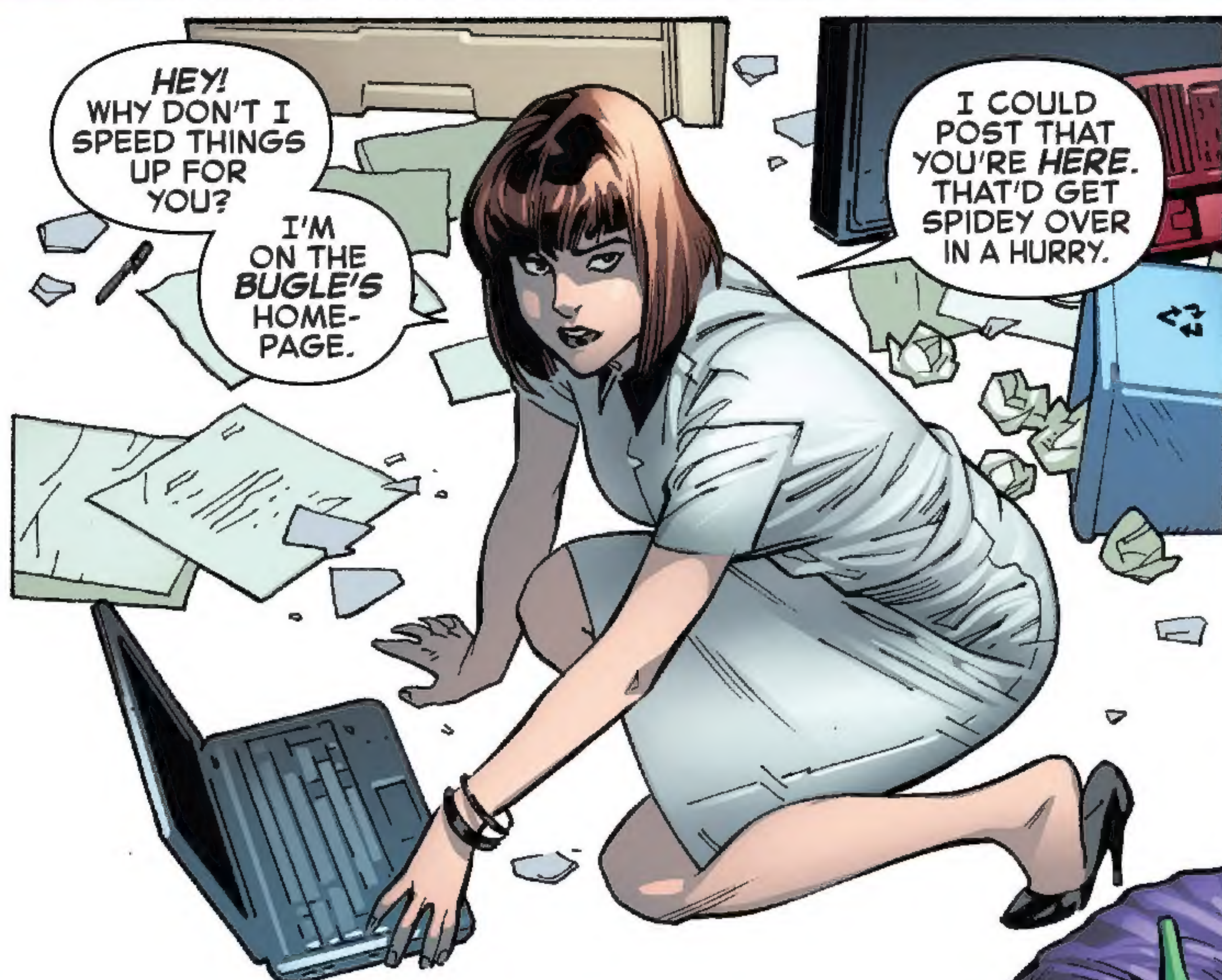
...QUITE FRANKLY, I'M GETTING A LITTLE BORED HERE.

WHO KNOWS WHAT I'LL HAVE TO START DOING TO AMUSE MYSELF.

I'M SURE YOU'LL GET EXACTLY WHAT YOU WANT, GOBLIN. SPIDER-MAN WILL BE HERE SOON.

REALLY? AND HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT, MR. ROBERTSON? CARE TO SHARE WITH THE REST OF THE ROOM?

HMM? I WONDER...WHAT CAN I DO TO LOOSEN THAT TONGUE?



HEY! WHY DON'T I SPEED THINGS UP FOR YOU?

I'M ON THE BUGLE'S HOME-PAGE.

I COULD POST THAT YOU'RE HERE. THAT'D GET SPIDEY OVER IN A HURRY.

ALONG WITH THE COPS AND HALF THE HEROES IN NEW YORK!

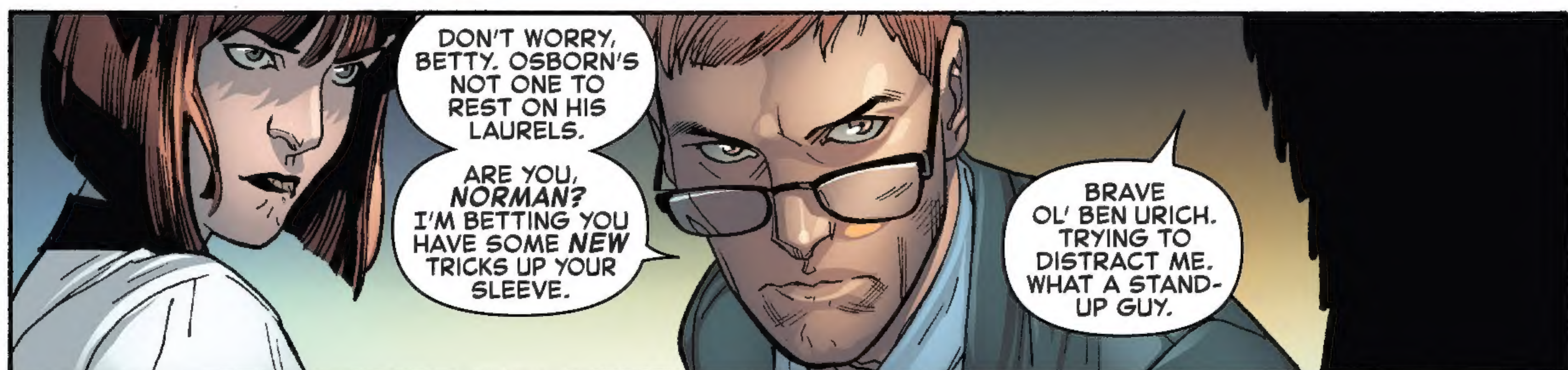
IF YOU THINK I'D FALL FOR THAT...

OH, BETTY, BETTY, BETTY.



...I'VE GOT A BRIDGE IN BROOKLYN I'D LIKE TO SELL YOU.

NO, SERIOUSLY. A BRIDGE! WANNA SEE IT?!



DON'T WORRY, BETTY. OSBORN'S NOT ONE TO REST ON HIS LAURELS.

ARE YOU, NORMAN? I'M BETTING YOU HAVE SOME NEW TRICKS UP YOUR SLEEVE.

BRAVE OL' BEN URICH. TRYING TO DISTRACT ME. WHAT A STAND-UP GUY.



OH, BY THE WAY, I FOUND YOUR BOY, PHIL.

HE'S STILL GOING BAD. ROTTEN, ACTUALLY.

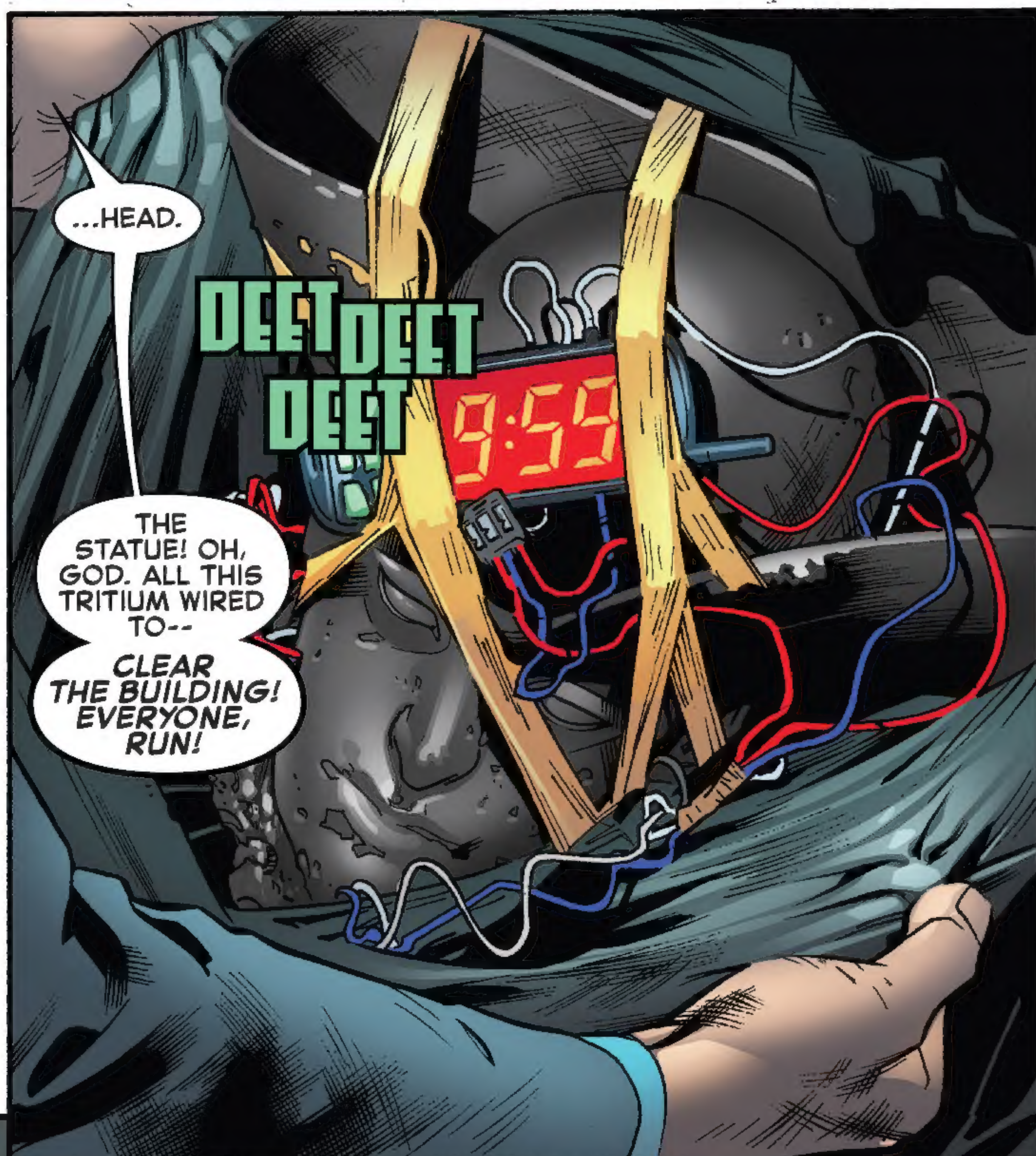
HERE! MAYBE YOU CAN CHANGE HIS MIND. I FIND...



...THE EASIEST WAY IS TO GO UP THROUGH THE NECK.

BEN, WAIT--

DON'T WORRY, BETTY. THE SHAPE'S RIGHT, BUT THE WEIGHT'S ALL WRONG. THERE'S NO WAY THIS IS A HUMAN...



...HEAD.

DEET DEET DEET

THE STATUE! OH, GOD. ALL THIS TRITIUM WIRED TO--

CLEAR THE BUILDING! EVERYONE, RUN!



HA HA HA HA HA

C'MON! WHY ARE YOU ALL ACTING LIKE THAT?

I'M THE ONE WHO JUST LOST MY HEAD!

ENOUGH, GOBLIN!

FINALLY. WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG?



SPIDER-MAN!
YOU HAVE TO--

NOT NOW,
BEN! JUST
GO! I GOT
THIS!

LISTEN!
THE TRITIUM!
IT'S HERE! AND
SET TO GO
OFF!

YOU
HAVE LESS
THAN TEN
MINUTES!

LIKE I
WOULDN'T
HAVE TOLD
HIM.

THANKS.
NOW I HAVE
NOTHING
TO TALK
ABOUT.

THE FINANCIAL DISTRICT.

WELL, IF I'M READING THIS ALCHEMAX SCANNER RIGHT...

...URICH BROUGHT THE TRITIUM *HERE*. AND THEN HIS TRAIL GOES UNDERGROUND.

I *COULD* PICK THE LOCK...

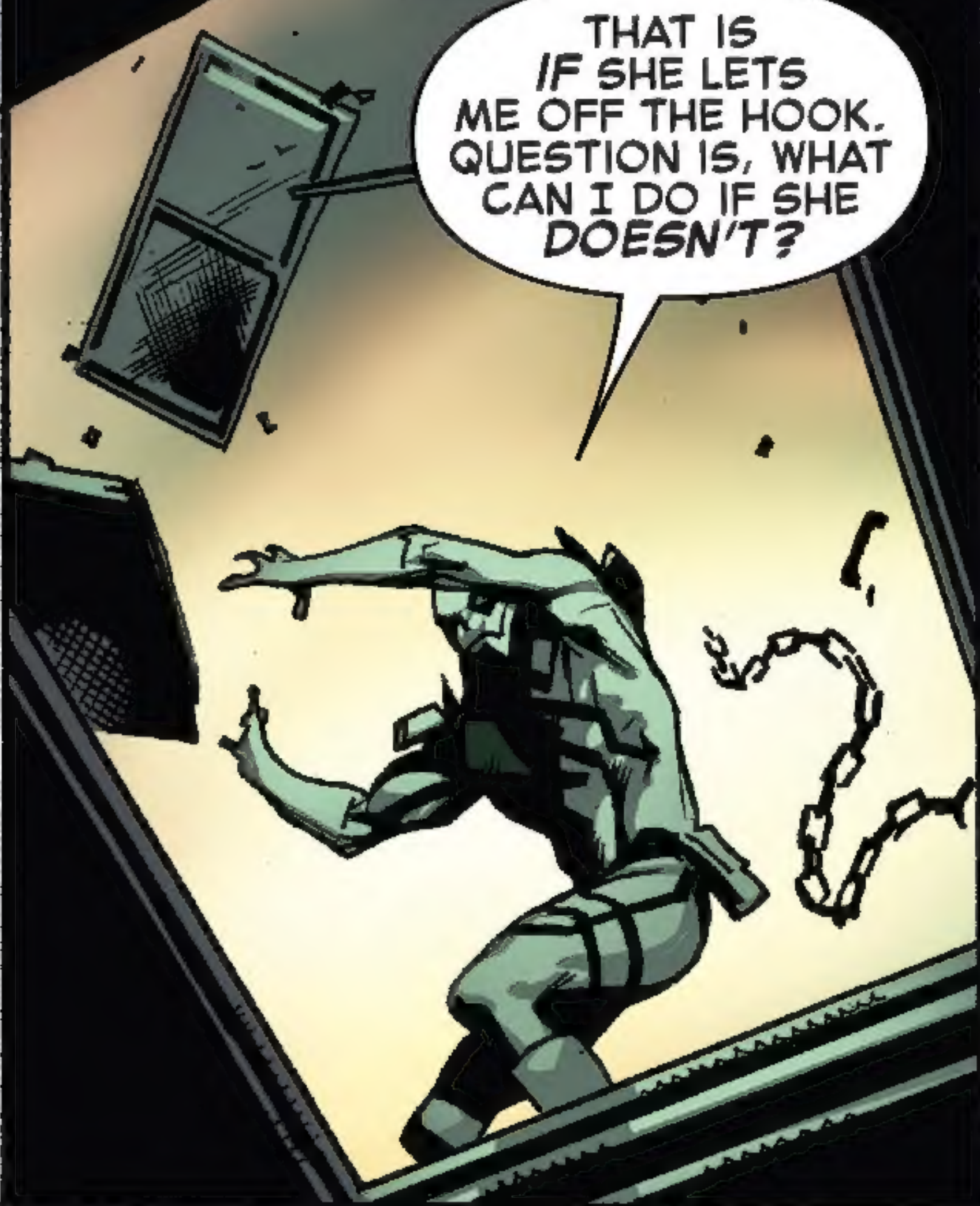


...BUT I DON'T HAVE TIME TO BE SUBTLE.

THE SOONER I FIND THIS STUFF AND GET IT BACK TO LIZ ALLAN...

...THE SOONER I CAN GET BACK TO MY OWN PROBLEMS.

THAT IS IF SHE LETS ME OFF THE HOOK. QUESTION IS, WHAT CAN I DO IF SHE DOESN'T?



AS LONG AS SHE KNOWS FLASH THOMPSON IS *ALSO* THE NEW ANTI-VENOM, THERE'S NOT MUCH I CAN--

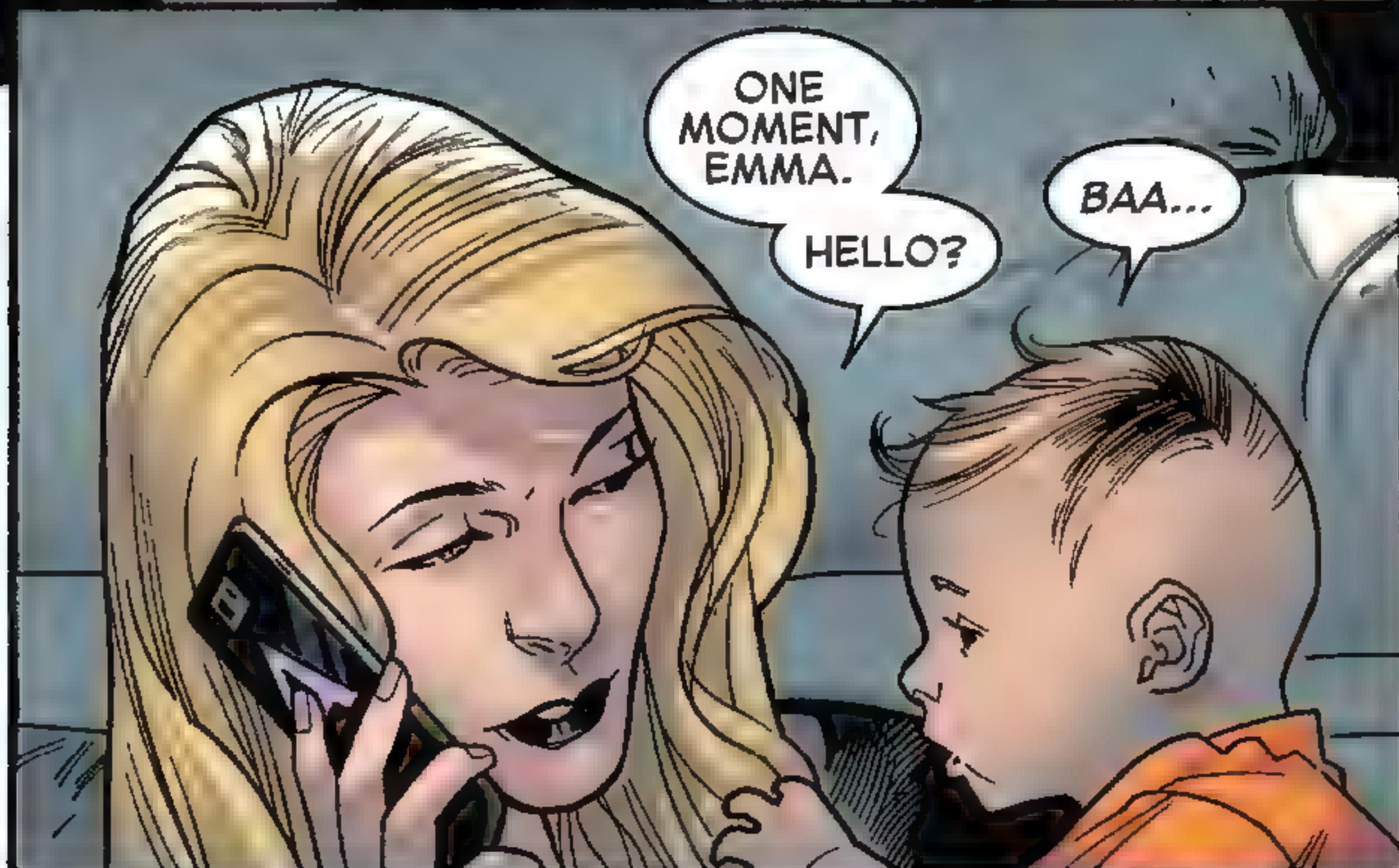
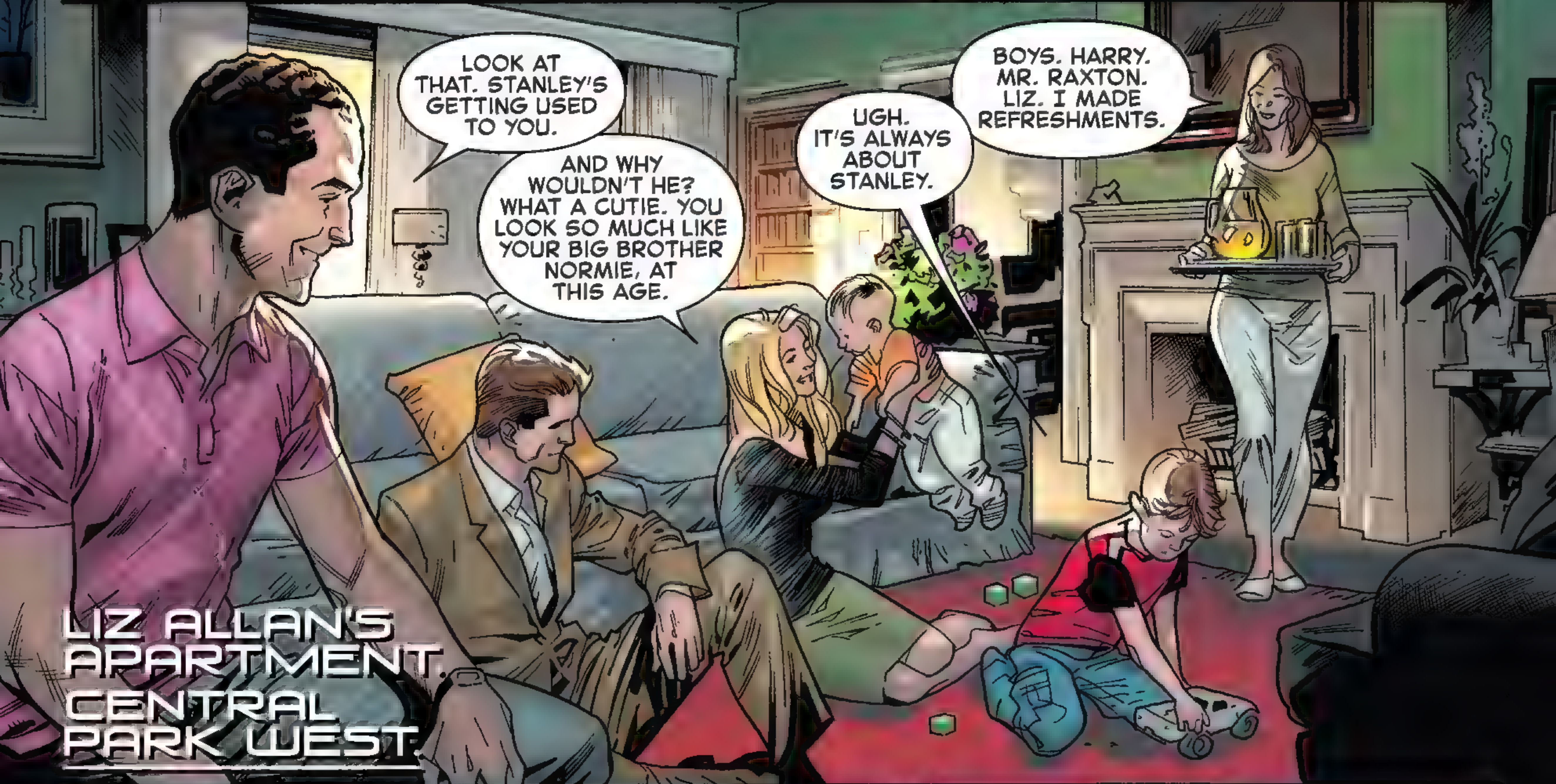
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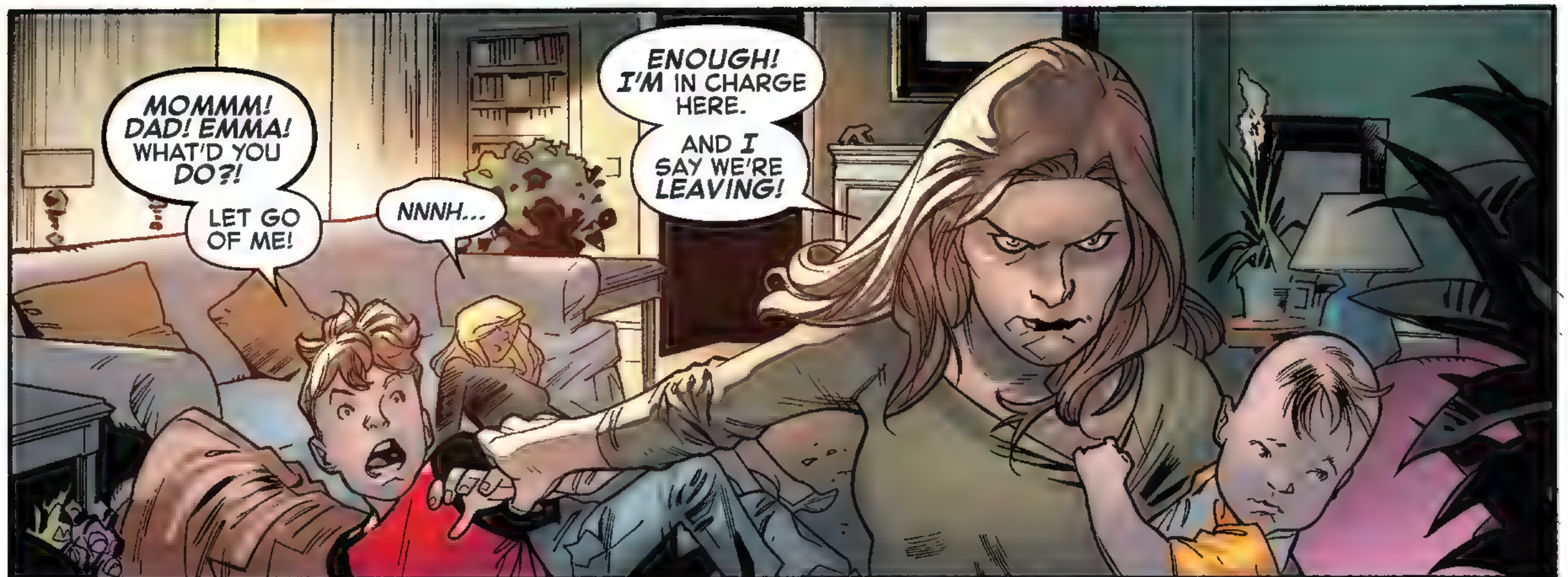


PHIL URICH. WHAT ON EARTH *DID* THAT TO HIM?!

BETTER BE ON GUARD. IT COULD *STILL* BE--









MOVE IT, PEOPLE! JENNA. BRADLEY. KAREN P.

ANYONE SEE KAREN T.?

NOT IN TODAY. CALLED IN SICK.

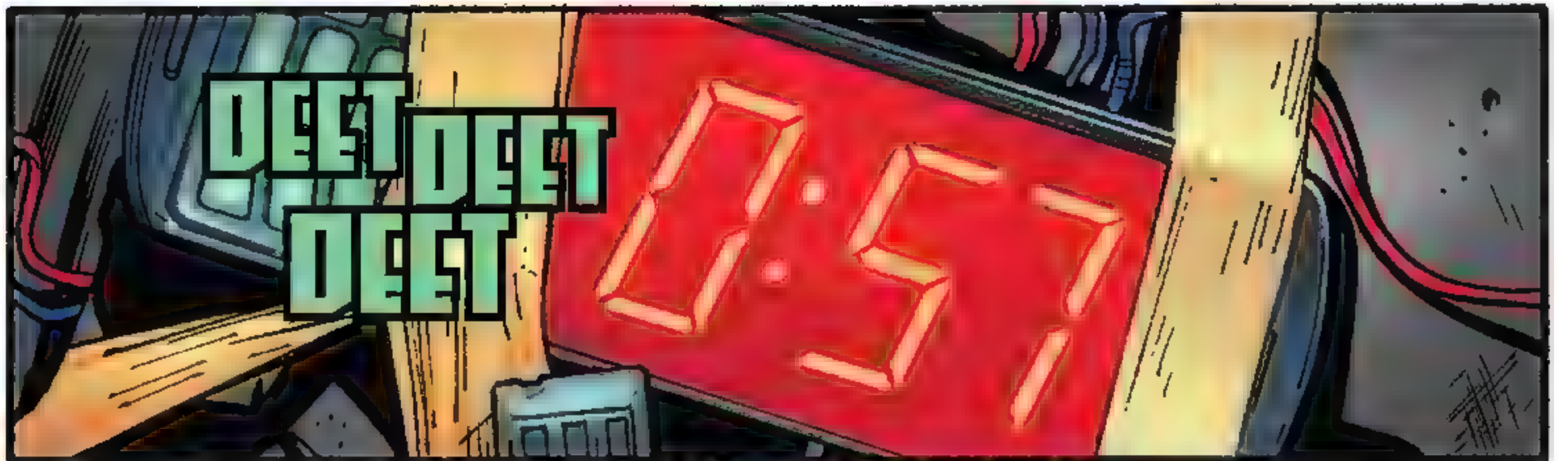
GOOD TO KNOW! ALL OF YOU, TAKE THE STAIRS! NO ELEVATORS!



I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU GUYS. YOU ACT LIKE YOU'VE DRILLED FOR THIS!

YOU'RE NEW TO THE BUGLE, RUBY. WE DO THIS ALL THE TIME.

HELL, NO. I MAKE IT OUTTA HERE, I AM SO WORKING SOMEWHERE ELSE!



IS THAT EVERYONE?!

ANYONE STILL ON THE FLOOR?!

C'MON, ROBBIE! WE'RE GOOD. AND WE'RE OUTTA TIME!

IT WAS MY STORY. I DID THE RESEARCH. THIS IS TRITIUM!

IF WE DON'T LEAVE NOW, WE WILL NOT GET CLEAR!



OH, SPIDER-MAN! MY HERO!

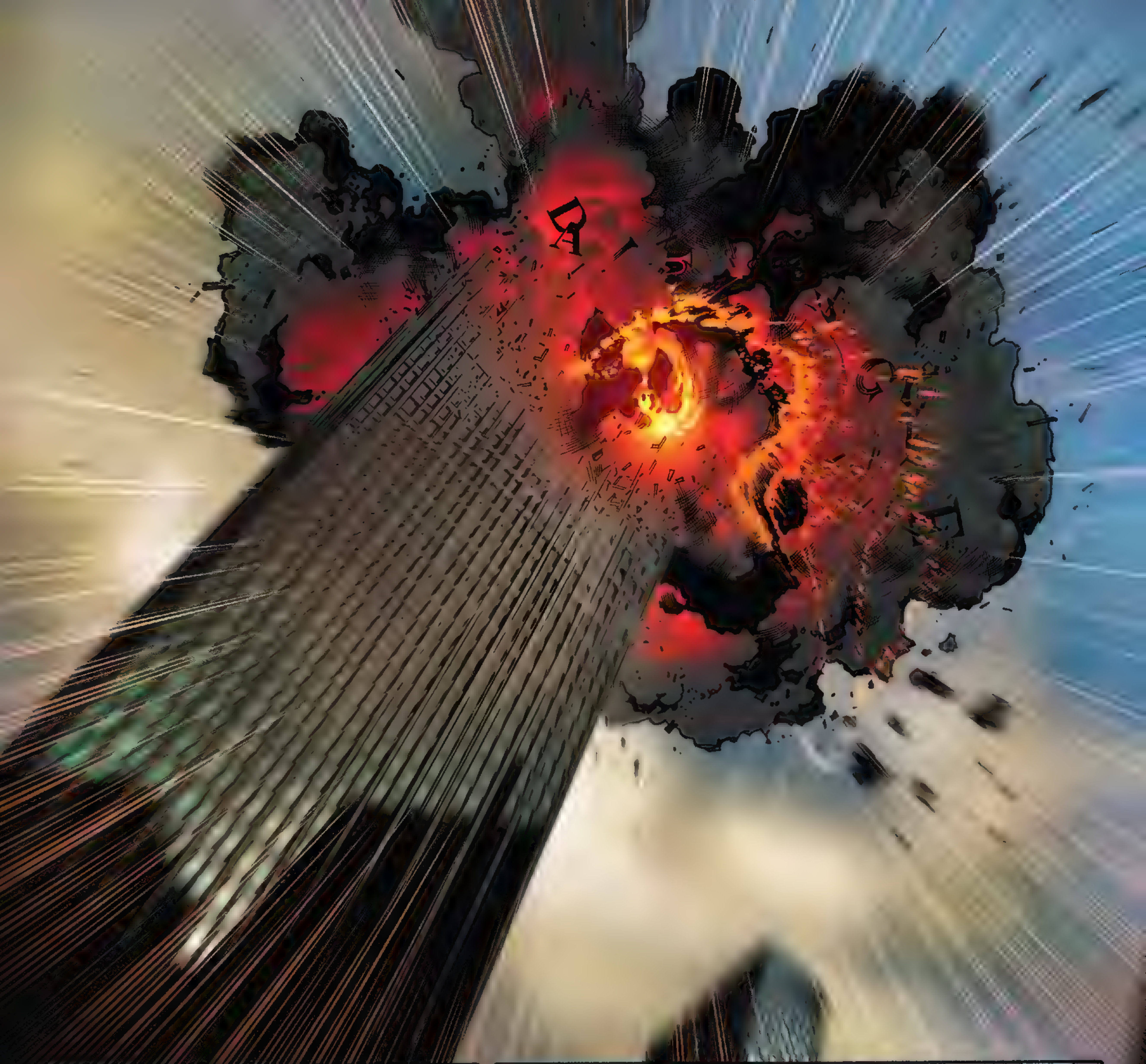
KEEPING THE BIG OL' BAD GUY BUSY SO ALL OF HIS LITTLE FRIENDS CAN GET TO SAFETY.

BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU, WALL-CRAWLER?! WILL YOU MAKE IT OUT IN TIME?

HEY, NUTBALL! YOU KNOW YOU'RE NOT AN OMNISCIENT NARRATOR, RIGHT?

YOU'RE HERE, TOO!



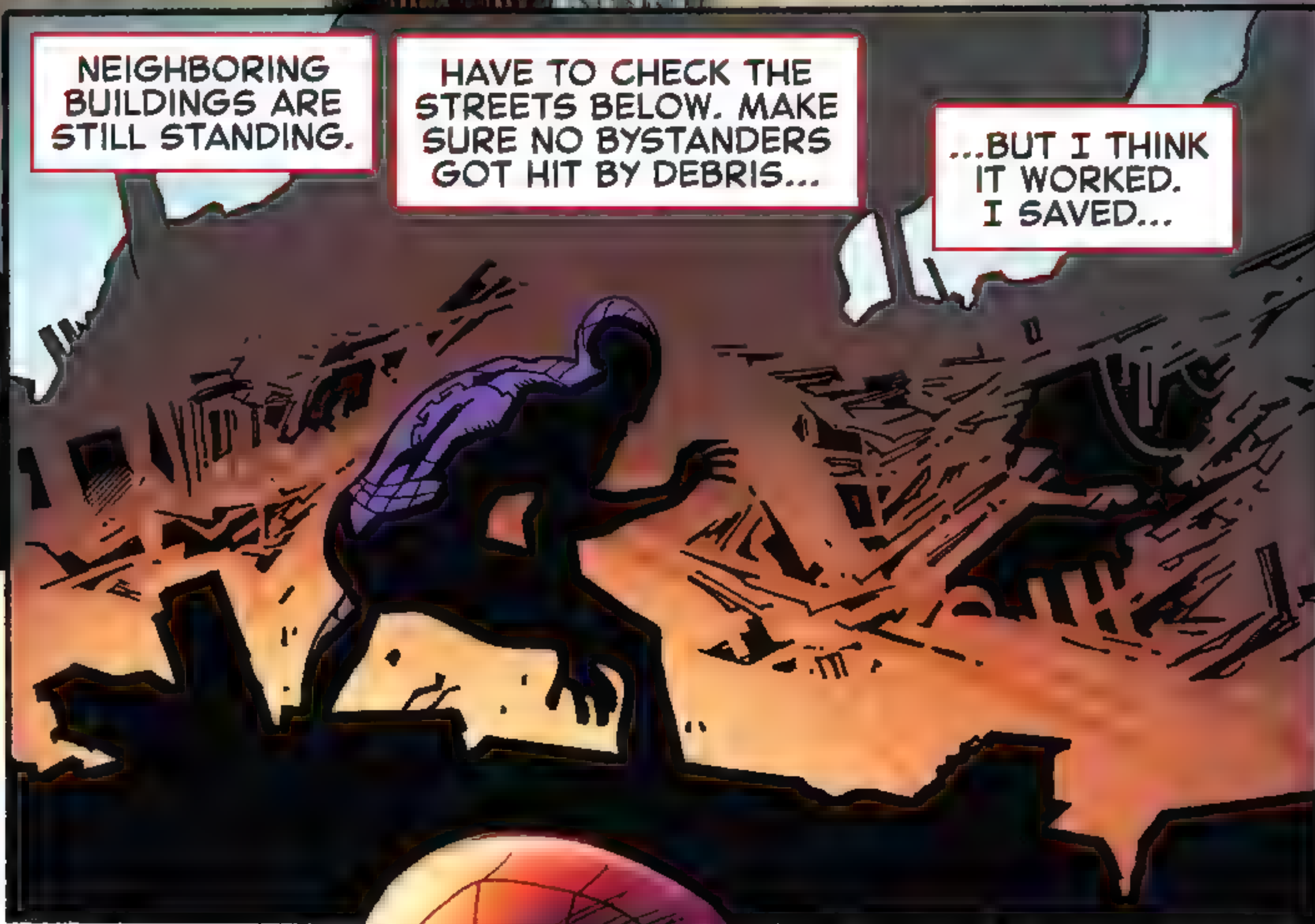


OW.

NEIGHBORING
BUILDINGS ARE
STILL STANDING.

HAVE TO CHECK THE
STREETS BELOW. MAKE
SURE NO BYSTANDERS
GOT HIT BY DEBRIS...

...BUT I THINK
IT WORKED.
I SAVED...



...EVERYONE?

PARKER...



NORMAN?

OH GOD.

YOU KNEW? FOR HOW LONG? WHO TOLD YOU?

NO.

D-DOESN'T MATTER NOW, DOES IT?

P-PLEASE. NOT MUCH TIME. THERE'S SOMETHING I-- I HAVE TO TELL YOU, PETER.



A MAN'S ONLY AS G-G-GOOD AS HIS ENEMIES.

I'VE ALWAYS B-BEEN DRIVEN, BUT YOU P-PUSHED ME ON, MORE THAN ANYONE EVER C-C-COULD.

THANK YOU, PETER. FOR EVERYTHING...



I'M SORRY. I WISH I COULD HAVE SAVED YOU.

I REALLY DO.



HA
HAHAHA
HA

YOU REALLY DO, DON'T YOU? WELL, PARKER...



WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON? ALL OF HIS BLOOD, IT'S--



WISH
GRANTED!

THE
CARNAGE
SYMBIOTE!

THAT'S NORMAN
OSBORN IN THE
CARNAGE
SYMBIOTE!

DON'T JUST
STAND THERE! SAY
SOMETHING! DO
SOMETHING!



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ME.



SNAP
OUT OF IT,
PARKER!

RUN!

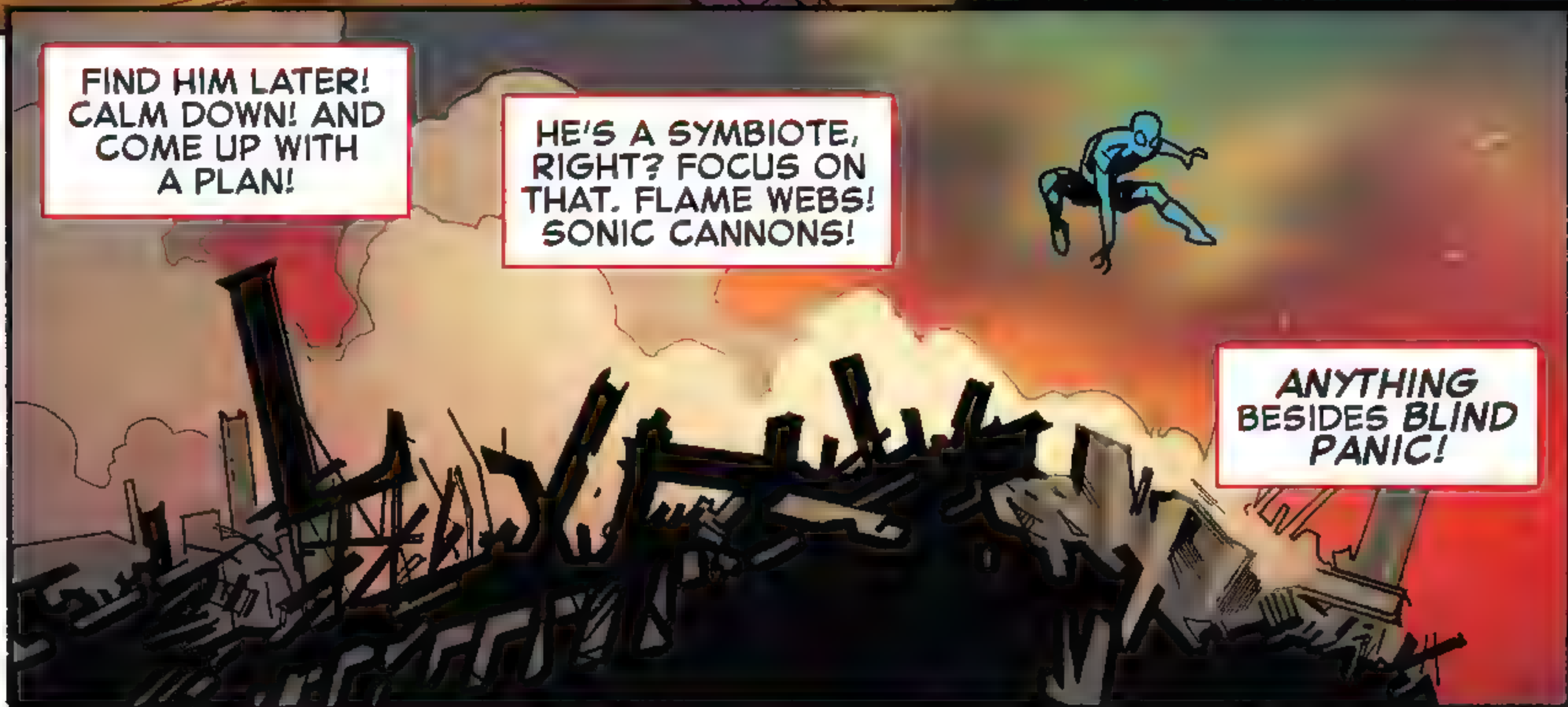
STAY HERE
AND YOU'RE
DEAD!

WE'RE
GONNA PLAY
SO MANY
GAMES, YOU
AND I!

OH, THE
SCREAMS
I'M GONNA
WRENCH OUTTA
YOU!



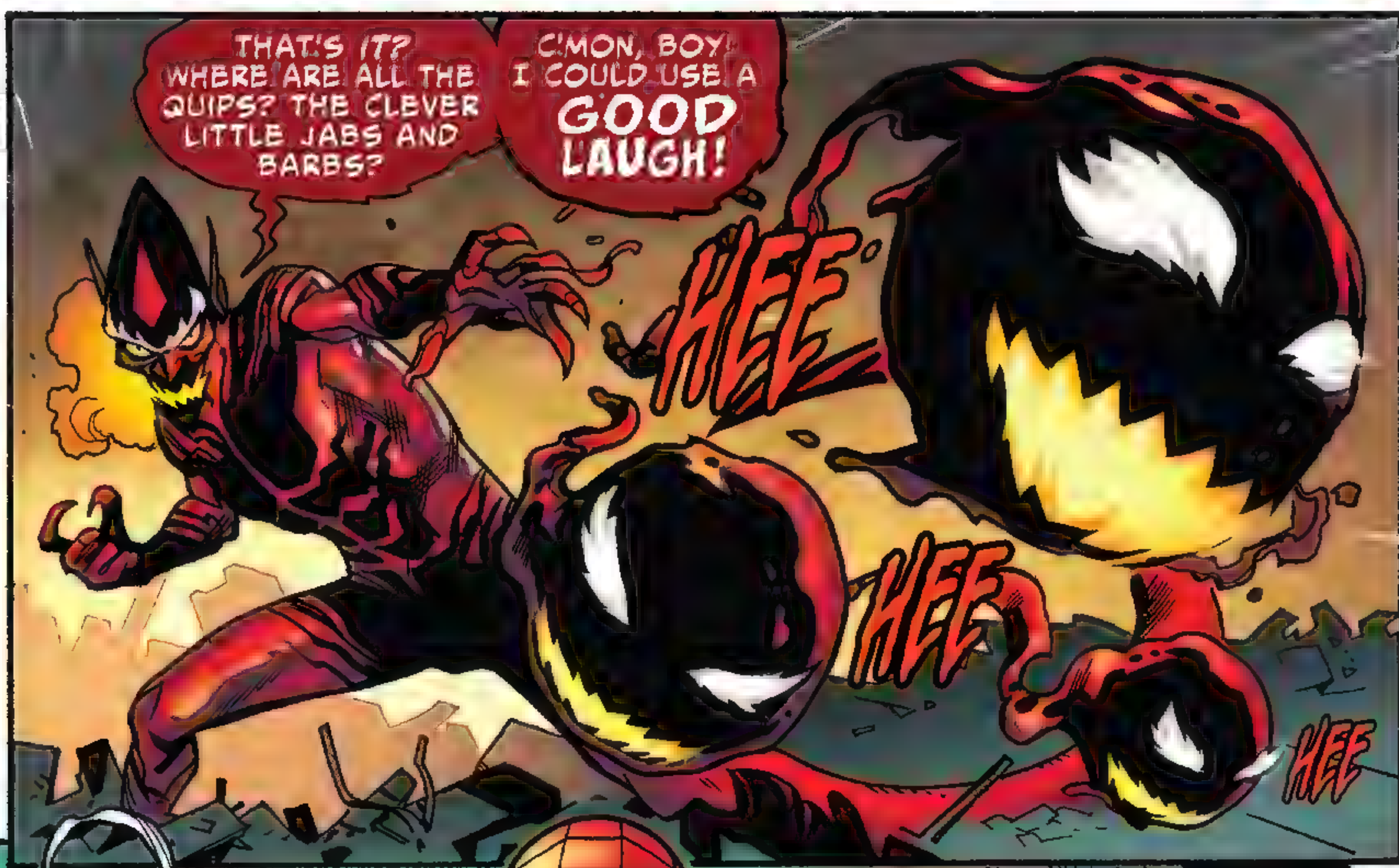
THERE.
SPIDER-
TRACER!



FIND HIM LATER!
CALM DOWN! AND
COME UP WITH
A PLAN!

HE'S A SYMBIOTE,
RIGHT? FOCUS ON
THAT. FLAME WEBS!
SONIC CANNONS!

ANYTHING
BESIDES BLIND
PANIC!



THAT'S IT?
WHERE ARE ALL THE
QUIPS? THE CLEVER
LITTLE JABS AND
BARBS?

C'MON, BOY!
I COULD USE A
**GOOD
LAUGH!**

HEE

HEE

HEE



CARNAGE-
BOMBS?!

THAT
GIGGLE AND
DON'T SET OFF MY
SPIDER-SENSE?
WHAT THE--?

AND THAT
AIN'T ALL,
BUG-BRAIN!





COME OUT,
COME OUT,
WHEREVER
YOU ARE.

LET'S GET
THIS OVER
WITH.

NO
PUTTING OFF TO
TOMORROW WHAT
I CAN SLAY
TODAY!



YOU DON'T
GET A RAIN
CHECK, PARKER.
NO ROUND
TWO.

CAUSE
THAT OLD
SPIDER-TRACER
TRICK? IT'S
USELESS.



OOH. A NEW
MODEL. WIRED
FOR SOUND,
YES?

GOOD. I
WANT YOU TO
HEAR EVERY
WORD.

...AGAINST
SOMEONE
WHO CAN FEEL
EVERYTHING
ALONG THE
SURFACE OF
HIS BODY.



BELIEVE IT
OR NOT, THIS
IS YOUR LUCKY
DAY.

FOR THIS
ONE TIME ONLY,
I'M WILLING TO
MAKE A DEVIL'S
BARGAIN.

YOU
SEE, I'M NOT
INTERESTED IN
YOU, PETER.

I
COULDN'T CARE
LESS ABOUT
THE MAN.

IT'S ALWAYS
BEEN THE
SPIDER THAT'S
GOTTEN IN
MY WAY.



GIVE IT UP. NOW AND FOREVER. STOP BEING SPIDER-MAN AND I'LL LET YOU LIVE.

THAT'S THE DEAL. NO STRINGS ATTACHED.

BUT IF I SEE ONE MORE WEB OUT OF YOU, IF I CATCH YOU CRAWLING UP ONE MORE WALL...

...IT'S NOT JUST YOU. IT'S EVERYONE YOU'VE EVER LOVED.

MARY JANE.

YOUR AUNT MAY.

ROBBIE. BETTY. JONAH. YOUR MAILMAN. YOUR FRICKIN' DENTIST.

THEY'RE ALL DEAD.

AND NOT FROM A SIMPLE FALL. NO. THAT WAS BACK FROM WHEN I WAS SO... GREEN.

THEY'LL DIE IN WAYS ONLY A RED GOBLIN COULD IMAGINE.

HA HA HA



THAT'S THE DEAL.

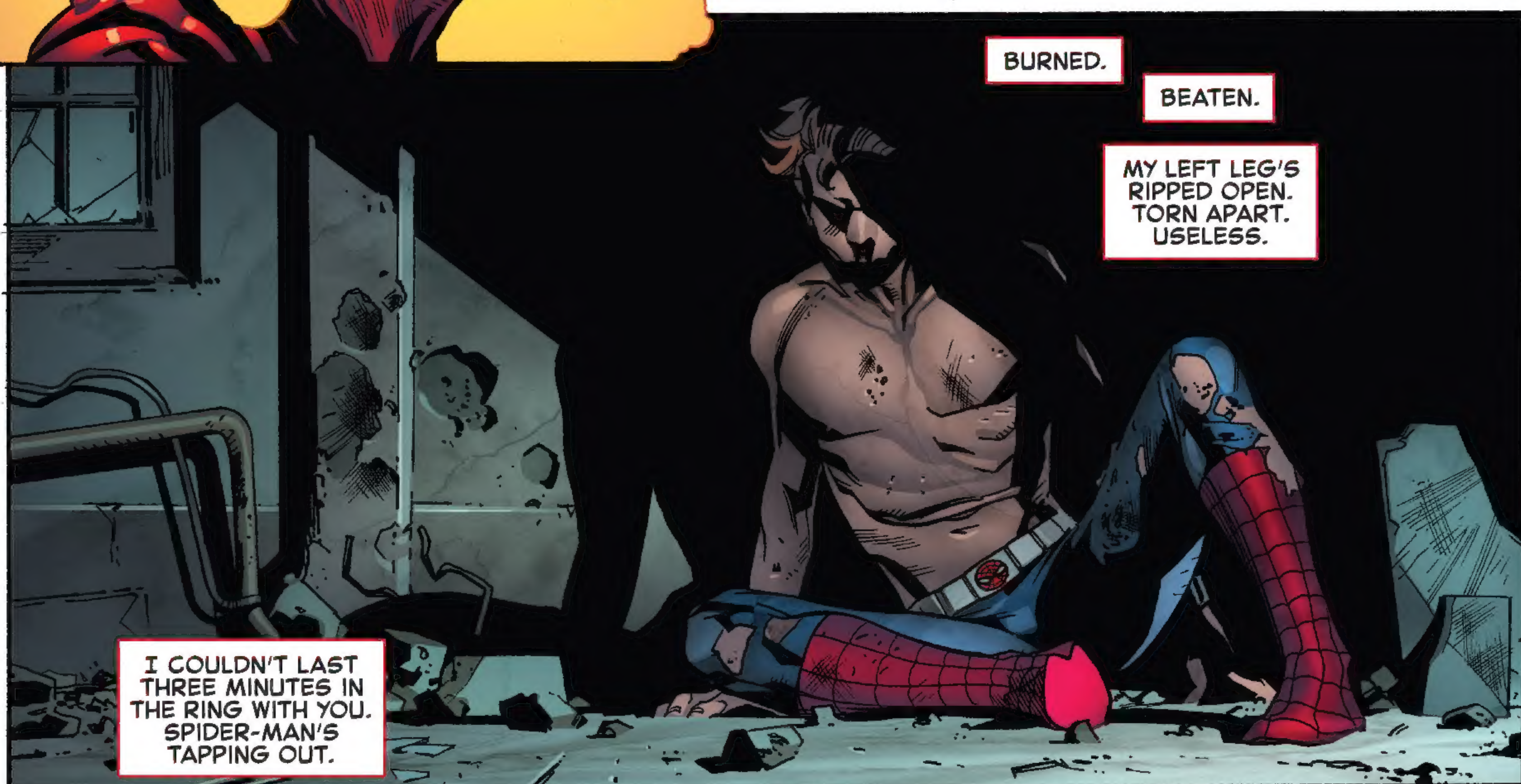
SHOW ME YOU UNDERSTAND.



THWIP



HA HA HA!



BURNED.

BEATEN.

MY LEFT LEG'S
RIPPED OPEN.
TORN APART.
USELESS.

I COULDN'T LAST
THREE MINUTES IN
THE RING WITH YOU.
SPIDER-MAN'S
TAPPING OUT.

BUT THAT'S
WHERE YOU MADE
YOUR MISTAKE,
NORMAN.

BECAUSE
I'M STILL
HERE.

I'M PETER
PARKER. THE
MAN IN
"SPIDER-MAN."

AND I'M THE
ONE WHO'S
GOING TO TAKE
YOU DOWN.



TO BE CONTINUED...

NEXT:



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